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Dear Examiner Chiu:

SENDER:

Paul L. Hickman

Attached hereto is the following:

- 1. Transmittal for Statement of Substance of Interview (in duplicate); and
- 2. Statement of Substance of Interview.

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## TRANSMITTAL FOR STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

Applicants transmit the following enclosures:

Statement of Substance of Interview; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### Dear Sir:

On September 15, 2005 Applicant's representative, Paul L. Hickman, initiated a telephonic Examiner Interview with Examiner Raleigh Chiu with respect to the above-identified matter. Claim 25 was discussed relative to the "Wheel of Fortune" game. The Examiner agreed that Wheel of Fortune did not include, for example, at least one of a motor and a segment detector and, as such, claim 25 could not be *prima facie* obvious in view of Wheel of Fortune. Nonetheless, the Examiner was concerned, in an abundance of caution, about the functional clarity of the combination of elements. After some discussion, the Examiner agreed that he would amend claim 25 by Examiner's amendment to include the following non-limiting whereby clause:

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whereby said motor rotates said rotary body to point said pointer to said
predetermined segment which is determined before said rotary body enters a stationary mode.

As discussed, this language indicates that the predetermined segment is predetermined before or during a spin, but in no event later than an entry into a stationary mode from a spin. The Examiner indicated that he was satisfied that this non-limiting whereby clause accurately describes a preferred functional mode for the claimed combination of elements.

Applicant also agreed to send replacement IDS materials to the Examiner, to the extent that they were available, pursuant to comments made previously by the Examiner.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests an Early Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (605) 838-4443 direct, or the number below.

Respectfully submitted, PERKINS COIE LLP

Date: September 16, 2005

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